

REPORT OF THE REPORTS ANALYSIS AND AUDIT DIVISION

On

BARRY FOR WARD 8 COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Barry for Ward 8 Council (Principal Campaign Committee) registered with the Office of Campaign Finance on July 23, 2004. The Committee was the principal campaign committee of Marion Barry, a 2004 candidate for the Office of Member of the Council, Ward 8.

The audit was conducted pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 1-1103.03(8)(2001 Edition) (the Act).

The findings of the audit were presented to the Committee in the Preliminary Audit Report issued on March 15, 2006. The responses of the Committee to the audit findings are contained in the Final Audit Report.

The following is an overview of the findings contained in the Final Audit Report.

EXCESSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

D.C. Official Code Section 1-1131(a)(4). Our audit revealed that the Committee accepted nine (9) excessive contributions totaling \$4,400.00. The Audit staff recommended that the Committee immediately refund the excessive portion of each contribution and provide documentation of the completed transactions (front and back copies of the negotiated checks) to our office for review. The Committee did not provide evidence to show that the excessive portions of these contributions were refunded. As a result, the Audit staff will refer each violation of D.C. Official Code Section 1-1131.01(a)(4) to the OCF General Counsel for whatever action deemed appropriate.

RECEIPTS NOT REPORTED

D.C. Official Code Section 1-1102.06(b)(2). Our audit revealed that the Committee failed to report approximately twenty-eight (28) contributions totaling \$3,150.00. The Committee also made several deposits. However, the Committee failed to provide supporting documentation for these deposits (copies of contribution checks along with contributor names). Therefore, it appears that there may have been receipts which were not reported by the Committee. Without a proper breakdown of the deposits made by the

Committee, the Audit staff could not determine if there were receipts which were not reported. The Audit staff submits that the unreconcilable difference of \$24,079 in the total receipts was the result of these receipts which were not reported. On July 5, 2006 the Committee filed an amended consolidated report inclusive of all contributions previously unreported. However, because the Committee did not provide the proper documentation to support these receipts, the Audit staff will refer each violation to the OCF General Counsel for whatever action deemed appropriate.

CONTRIBUTIONS REPORTED BUT NOT NEGOTIATED THROUGH THE BANK

Our audit revealed that the Committee reported thirty-three (33) contributions totaling \$6,657.00 which were not negotiated through the Committee's bank accounts. The Committee reported these contributions on its Reports of Receipts and Expenditures; however, these transactions were never negotiated through the Committee's bank accounts. On July 5, 2006, the Committee filed an amended consolidated report deleting the aforementioned contributions from its total receipts.

DUPLICATE REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Our audit revealed eleven (11) contributions that were reported in duplicate on the Committee's Reports of Receipts and Expenditures. On July 5, 2006, the Committee filed an amended consolidated report deleting the contributions previously reported and included in total receipts.

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS OVER THE LIMIT

D.C. Official Code Section 1-1131.01(c). Our audit revealed that the Committee received six (6) cash contributions in excess of the \$25 limitation for receipt of legal tender. In its Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Committee stated that it has implemented internal control procedures which will prohibit the acceptance of any cash contributions in the amount of \$25.00 or more. Accordingly, the Audit staff accepts the Committee's response and no further action is required.

OTHER MATTERS NOTED (RECEIPTS)

Our audit revealed that the Committee received six (6) in-kind contributions. Three (3) of the in-kind contributions were not properly disclosed on Schedule B-6, Offsets to Receipts, to offset the disclosing of these contributions on Schedule A. In addition, the Committee reported two (2) contributions which resulted in an understatement of \$250.00 in total receipts. On July 5, 2006, the Committee filed an amended consolidated report inclusive of the in-kind disbursements not previously reported on Schedule B. The Committee also made the proper adjustments to correct the total understatement of \$250.00 in total receipts.

EXPENDITURES NOT REPORTED

D.C. Official Code Sections 1-1102.06(b)(9) and (10). Our audit revealed that the Committee failed to report forty (40) expenditures totaling \$11,635.91. This amount is inclusive of \$188.31 in bank charges and \$11,447.60 in disbursements. Our audit also revealed that the Committee reported two (2) expenditures which resulted in an understatement of \$200.00 in total expenditures. In addition, the Committee reported loan

repayments to the candidate in duplicate. These repayments were included in the total operating expenditures and total loan repayments on the Detailed Summary Page on the Committee's Reports of Receipts and Expenditures. On July 5, 2006, the Committee filed an amended consolidated report inclusive of the expenditures and bank charges not previously reported, made the proper adjustments to correct the understatement in total disbursements, and deleted the duplicate loan payments as noted above. However, because the Committee did not provide the proper documentation to substantiate these disbursements, the Audit staff will refer each violation to the OCF General Counsel for whatever action deemed appropriate.

CASH DISBURSEMENTS MADE OVER \$300

3 DCMR Section 3010.1. Our audit of the Committee bank statements revealed that the Committee made seven (7) cash withdrawals in excess of \$300.00, totaling \$8,028.00. In addition, there were nineteen (19) checks totaling \$2,986.92 that were paid to cash. The documentation provided by the Committee did not provide the necessary and required evidence to support and/or explain the disbursements mentioned above. The Audit staff will refer each violation to the OCF General Counsel for whatever action deemed appropriate.

RECORDKEEPING AND DISCLOSURE

D.C. Official Code Section 1-1102.06(b)(2). Our audit revealed that for several expenditures, the proper documentation (invoices and/or vouchers) was not provided to substantiate these disbursements. The Audit staff will refer each violation to the OCF General Counsel for whatever action deemed appropriate.

MISSTATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

D.C. Official Code Sections 1-1102.06(b)(8) and (10). The Preliminary Audit Report revealed that a comparison of the Committee's reported figures with its bank records, resulted in the Committee misstating its receipts, disbursements, and its cash on hand balance, as of July 31, 2005.

The following chart details the discrepancies between the Committee's disclosure reports and bank records. The chart lists: (a) the amounts the Committee reported, (b) the actual amounts listed on its bank statements, and (c) the discrepancies between the two figures.

Comparison of Disclosure Reports and Bank Records

	Reported	Bank Statement	Discrepancy
Receipts	\$119,906.00	\$136,844.79	\$16,938.79 understated
Disbursements	\$118,212.32	\$136,266.19	\$18,053.87 understated
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 1,693.68	\$ 578.60	\$ 1,115.08 overstated

On July 5, 2006, the Committee filed an amended consolidated report correcting the discrepancies noted above resulting in a misstatement of the Committee's financial activity.



Office of Campaign Finance

**FINAL AUDIT REPORT ON
BARRY FOR WARD 8 COUNCIL
PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
2004 ELECTION YEAR**

AUGUST 2006

REPORTS ANALYSIS AND AUDIT DIVISION
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I. BACKGROUND

OVERVIEW

This report is based upon a field audit of the Statements and Reports of Receipts and Expenditures filed by the Barry for Ward 8 Council Committee ("the Committee") undertaken by the Reports Analysis and Audit Division, Office of Campaign Finance (OCF), to determine if the Committee has complied with the provisions of the District of Columbia Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Act of 1974, as amended, D.C. Official Code Section 1-1103.03(8) (2001 Edition) (the Act).

The Preliminary Audit Report was issued on March 15, 2006. The Committee was granted two (2) thirty day extensions for the filing of its Response to the Preliminary Audit Report on April 15, 2006 and May 11, 2006. The May 11, 2006 due date was further extended to June 8, 2006. The Committee responded to the Preliminary Audit Report on May 29, 2006.

1. Candidate

Marion Barry, a candidate in the 2004 Primary and General Elections for the Office of Member of the Council, Ward 8, registered with the OCF on June 18, 2004, in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 1-1102.05. Mr. Barry also filed a Candidate Waiver Request of the reporting requirements for the filing of Candidate Reports of Receipts and Expenditures, pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 1-1102.06, on June 18, 2004.

The field audit of the candidate's Statements covered the period June 18, 2004 through July 31, 2005. The candidate, in his Statement of Candidacy, designated the Barry for Ward 8 Council as his Principal Campaign Committee.

2. Principal Campaign Committee

The Barry for Ward 8 Council registered with the OCF on July 23, 2004, in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 1-1102.04. All Reports of Receipts and Expenditures were filed, including Amended Reports.

The audit of the Barry for Ward 8 Council covered the period June 18, 2004 through July 31, 2005. The Committee's Report of August 10, 2004, the first report filed, disclosed a beginning cash balance of \$0.00. During the period of the pre-audit (desk) review, the Reports filed by the Committee reflected total aggregated receipts of \$119,906.00 and total aggregated expenditures of \$118,212.32, and an ending cash balance of \$1,693.68. Receipts and expenditures per **audit** were \$136,844.79 and \$136,266.19, respectively, with an

ending cash balance of \$578.60. The Committee reported debts and obligations, totaling \$7,494.00, all of which are still owed by the Committee.

B. KEY PERSONNEL

The Committee filed its Statement of Organization on July 23, 2004, appointing Vanessa Robinson, Treasurer, and Robert James, Chairperson. The acceptance of Treasurer and Chairperson Forms were also filed on July 23, 2004. On March 31, 2005, Vanessa Robinson was removed as Treasurer of the Committee. Ms. Robinson filed the Withdrawal of Treasurer Form on April 4, 2005.

An amended Statement of Organization was filed on April 13, 2005, appointing Robert James as the new Treasurer of record, and Marion Barry as the new Chairperson of record. Acceptance of Treasurer and Chairperson Forms were filed on April 5, 2005 and April 13, 2005, respectfully.

C. SCOPE

The audit procedures performed included a verification and/or examination of:

1. The mathematical accuracy of the Reports of Receipts and Expenditures filed with the Director, Office of Campaign Finance, during the period audited;
2. Total reported receipts and expenditures and individual transactions with source documents;
3. Conformity with the contribution limitation as mandated by D.C. Official Code Section 1-1131.01;
4. Committee debts and obligations;
5. Proper categorization of the Committee's receipts and expenditures; and
6. The review procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

II. AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

After the review of the Committee's Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff has concluded that there are still outstanding issues that have not been clarified or resolved by the Committee. They are detailed below.

1.) Excessive Contributions

D.C. Official Code Section 1-1131.01(a)(4) provides that, “No person shall make any contribution which, and no person shall receive any contribution from any person which, when aggregated with all other contributions received from that person, relating to a campaign for nomination as a candidate or election to public office, including both the primary and general election or special elections, exceeds: In the case of a contribution in support of a candidate for member of the Board of Education elected at-large or for member of the Council elected from a ward or for the recall of a candidate for member of the Board of Education elected at-large or for the recall of a member of the Council elected from a ward, \$500.”

D.C. Official Code Section 1-1101.01(8) provides that, "When used in this chapter, unless otherwise provided: [t]he term ‘person’ means an individual, partnership, committee, corporation, labor organization, and any other organization.”

D.C. Official Code Section 1-1131.01(g) provides that, "All contributions made by any person directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of a particular candidate or that candidate's political committee, which are in any way earmarked, encumbered, or otherwise directed through an intermediary or conduit to that candidate or political committee, shall be treated as contributions from that person to that candidate or political committee and shall be subject to the limitations established by this section.”

3 DCMR Section 3011.13 provides that, “A corporation, its subsidiaries, and all political committees established, financed, maintained or controlled by the corporation and its subsidiaries share a single contribution.”

3 DCMR Section 3011.14 provides that, “A corporation is deemed to be a separate entity; provided that a corporation (corporation B) which is established, financed, maintained or controlled (51% or more) by another corporation (corporation A) is considered, for the purposes of the contribution limitations, a subsidiary of the other corporation (corporation A).”

D.C. Official Code Section 1-1131.02 provides that, “All contributions made by partnerships must be attributed to both the partnership and to each partner, on the Reports of Receipts and Expenditures. A partner's contribution must be attributed in direct proportion to the partner's share of the partnership profits according to instructions which must be provided by the partnership to the political committee or candidate; or by agreement of the partners, as long as only the profits of the partners to whom the contributions are attributed are reduced (or losses increased) in proportion to the contribution attributed to each of them. Contributions by a partnership or by a partner may not exceed the limitations on contributions as prescribed by D.C. Official Code Section 1-1131.01.”

Our audit revealed that the Committee accepted nine (9) excessive contributions totaling \$4,400.00.

In the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee immediately refund the excessive portion of each contribution and provide documentation of the completed transactions (front and back copies of the negotiated checks) to our office for review.

At the Exit Conference held on May 29, 2006, and in its Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Committee agreed that they were aware that these contributions were excessive. However, the Committee did not provide evidence to show that the excessive portions of these contributions were refunded.

As a result, the Audit staff will refer each violation to the OCF General Counsel for whatever action deemed appropriate.

2.) Receipts Not Reported

D.C. Official Code Section 1-1102.06(b)(2) provides, in part that, "Each report under this section shall disclose: [t]he full name and mailing address (including the occupation and the principal place of business, if any) of each person who has made 1 or more contributions to or for such committee or candidate (including the purchase of tickets for events such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events) within the calendar year in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50 or more, together with the amount and date of such contributions."

Our audit revealed that the Committee failed to report approximately twenty-eight (28) contributions totaling \$3,150.00. The Committee also made several deposits. However, the Committee failed to provide supporting documentation for these deposits (copies of contribution checks along with contributor names). Therefore, it appears that there may have been receipts which were not reported by the Committee. Without a proper breakdown of the deposits made by the Committee, the Audit staff could not determine if there were receipts which were not reported. The Audit staff submits that the unreconcilable difference of \$24,079 in the total receipts was the result of these receipts which were not reported.

In the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee provide the appropriate documentation (breakdown) to support and explain the deposits mentioned above.

At the Exit Conference held on May 29, 2006, and in its Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff concludes that the Committee made "good faith" efforts to provide documentation for the unreported contributions; however, the documentation did not provide the necessary or required evidence to support and/or explain the deposits mentioned above. On July 5, 2006, the

Committee filed an amended consolidated report inclusive of all contributions previously unreported.

Although the Committee filed the amended consolidated report, the Committee did not provide the appropriate documentation to support these receipts. Accordingly, the Audit staff will refer each violation to the OCF General Counsel for whatever action deemed appropriate.

3.) Contributions Reported But Not Negotiated Through Bank

Our audit revealed that the Committee reported thirty-three (33) contributions totaling \$6,657.00 which were not negotiated through the Committee's bank accounts. The Committee reported these contributions on its Reports of Receipts and Expenditures; however, these transactions were never negotiated through the Committee's bank accounts. Per the Committee's bank statements, several deposits were made. However, there was no supporting documentation for each deposit. As a result, the reported contributions noted above may have been negotiated; but without the proper documentation, the Audit staff was unable to make that determination.

In addition, some of these reported contributions were received in cash, in excess of \$25.00. Therefore, the cash deposits noted above may have included these contributions. Because sufficient documentation was not provided from the Committee, the Audit staff was unable to match these monies with the reported cash contributions received from contributors.

In the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee provide documentation to verify that the contributions were in fact negotiated through the Committee's bank account.

At the Exit Conference on May 29, 2006, and in its Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Committee stated that it made a "good faith" effort to provide the documentation for the contributions reported, but not negotiated through the bank. However, the documentation did not provide the necessary or required evidence to support and/or explain the deposits mentioned above.

Without the proper documentation to substantiate these contributions, the Audit staff concludes that the Committee must file an amended consolidated report, deleting these contributions from its total receipts.

On July 5, 2006, the Committee filed an amended consolidated report deleting the aforementioned contributions from its total receipts.

4.) Duplicate Reporting Of Contributions

Our audit revealed eleven (11) contributions that were reported in duplicate on the Committee's Reports of Receipts and Expenditures.

In the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee file an amended consolidated report deleting each duplicate contribution previously reported and from its total receipts.

At the Exit Conference on May 29, 2006, and in its Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Committee agreed that these contributions were actually reported in duplicate.

On July 5, 2006, the Committee filed an amended consolidated report deleting the contributions previously reported and included in total receipts.

5.) Cash Contributions Over The Limit

D.C. Official Code Section 1-1131.01(c) provides, "In no case shall any person receive or make any contribution in legal tender in an amount of \$25 or more."

Our audit revealed that the Committee received six (6) cash contributions in excess of the \$25 limitation for receipt of legal tender.

In the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee develop and put into place internal control procedures to ensure the Committee will no longer accept cash contributions in the amount of \$25 or more.

At the Exit Conference on May 29, 2006, and in its Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Committee stated that it has implemented internal control procedures which will prohibit the acceptance of any cash contributions in the amount of \$25.00 or more.

Accordingly, the Audit staff accepts the Committee's response and no further action is required.

6.) Other Receipt Matters Noted (Receipts)

Our audit revealed that the Committee received six (6) in-kind contributions. Three (3) of the in-kind contributions were not properly disclosed on Schedule B-6, Offsets to Receipts, to offset the disclosing of these contributions on Schedule A.

In addition, the Committee reported two (2) contributions which resulted in an understatement of \$250.00 in total receipts.

In the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee file an amended consolidated report inclusive of the in-kind disbursements previously unreported. In addition, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee correct the \$250.00 understatement in total receipts.

At the Exit Conference on May 29, 2006, and in its Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Committee agreed with the Audit staff regarding the aforementioned issues.

On July 5, 2006, the Committee filed an amended consolidated report inclusive of the in-kind disbursements not previously reported on Schedule B. In addition, the Committee made the proper adjustments to correct the total understatement of \$250.00 in total receipts.

7.) Expenditures Not Properly Reported

D.C. Official Code Sections 1-1102.06(b)(9) and (10) provide that, “Each report under this section shall disclose: [t]he full name and mailing address (including the occupation and principal place of business, if any) of each person to whom expenditures have been made by such committee or on behalf of such committee or candidate within the calendar year in an aggregate amount or value of \$10 or more, the amount, date, and purpose of each such expenditure and the name and address of, and office sought by, each candidate on whose behalf such expenditure was made. The total sum of expenditures made by such committee or candidate during the calendar year...”

Our audit revealed that the Committee failed to report forty (40) expenditures totaling \$11,635.91. This amount is inclusive of \$188.31 in bank charges and \$11,447.60 in disbursements.

Our audit also revealed that the Committee reported two (2) expenditures which resulted in an understatement of \$200.00 in total expenditures.

In addition, the Committee reported loan repayments to the candidate in duplicate. These repayments were included in the total operating expenditures and total loan repayments on the Detailed Summary Page on the Committee’s Reports of Receipts and Expenditures.

In the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee file an amended consolidated report inclusive of the expenditures previously unreported; make adjustments for the understatement of total expenditures; and, delete the duplicate loan repayments as noted above.

At the Exit Conference on May 29, 2006, and in its Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Committee did not address these issues.

On July 5, 2006, the Committee filed an amended consolidated report inclusive of the expenditures and bank charges not previously reported, made the proper adjustments to correct the understatement in total disbursements, and deleted the duplicate loan payments as noted above.

Although the Committee filed the amended consolidated report, the Committee did not provide the appropriate documentation to substantiate these expenditures. Accordingly, the Audit staff will refer each violation to the OCF General Counsel for whatever action deemed appropriate.

8.) Cash Disbursements Made Over \$300

3 DCMR Section 3010.1 provides that, “A candidate, political committee or citizen-service program may maintain a Petty Cash Fund which shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300) at any time.”

Our audit of the Committee bank statements revealed that the Committee made seven (7) cash withdrawals in excess of \$300.00, totaling \$8,028.00. In addition, there were nineteen (19) checks totaling \$2,986.92 that were paid to cash. The Audit staff was able to trace each check to an expenditure reported on Schedule B, Itemized Expenditures, of the Committee’s Reports of Receipts and Expenditures.

In the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee establish internal control procedures that would ensure that cash withdrawals or checks paid to cash are not made in amounts greater than \$300. In addition, the Committee must provide documentation as to the purpose of these seven (7) cash withdrawals.

At the Exit Conference on May 29, 2006, and in its Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Committee stated that it has implemented check writing and account withdrawals procedures that would prohibit checks from being written in excess of \$300.00. The Committee has also implemented petty cash procedures that will give greater accountability for petty cash expenditures. In addition, the Audit staff concludes that the Committee has made “good faith” efforts to provide documentation as to the purpose for these cash withdrawals. However, the documentation did not provide the necessary and required evidence to support and/or explain the disbursements mentioned above.

The Audit staff will refer each violation to the OCF General Counsel for whatever action deemed appropriate.

9.) Recordkeeping And Disclosure

D.C. Official Code Section 1-1102.06(b)(2) provides, in part that, “Each report under this section shall disclose: [the] full name and mailing address (including

the occupation and the principal place of business, if any) of each person who has made 1 or more contributions to or for such committee or candidate (including the purchase of tickets for events such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events) within the calendar year in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$50 or more, together with the amount and date of such contributions.”

Our audit revealed that for several expenditures, the proper documentation (invoices and/or vouchers) was not provided to substantiate these disbursements. In addition, for several contributions reported, the Committee did not provide the proper documentation (solicitation materials) to substantiate these contributions. Moreover, the Committee failed to provide the occupation and/or name of employer for more than 50% of all contributions reported. The Audit staff addressed these omissions of occupation and/or name of employer in several Requests for Additional Information (RAI) sent to the Committee during the audit period in question.

In the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee establish and adhere to internal controls regarding its recordkeeping and disclosure procedures. Additionally, the Committee was required to provide documentation for its receipts and expenditures for which no documentation was provided.

At the Exit Conference on May 29, 2006, and in its Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Committee maintained that it has established an internal control system for receiving and dispersing funds. In addition, the Audit staff concludes that the Committee has put forth a “good faith” effort to provide documentation for the receipts and expenditures in question. However, the documentation did not provide the necessary and required evidence to support and/or explain the receipts and disbursements mentioned above.

The Audit staff will refer each violation to the OCF General Counsel for whatever action deemed appropriate.

10.) Misstatement Of Financial Activity

Legal Standard

D.C. Official Code Sections 1-1102.06(b)(8) and (10) provide that each Report must disclose the following:

- The amount of cash on hand at the beginning and end of the reporting period;
- The total sum of all receipts by or for such committee or candidate during the reporting period; and

- The total sum of expenditures made by such committee or candidate during the calendar year.

The Preliminary Audit Report revealed that a comparison of the Committee's reported figures with its bank records, resulted in the Committee misstating its receipts, disbursements and its cash on hand balance, as of July 31, 2005.

The following chart details the discrepancies between the Committee's disclosure reports and bank records. The chart lists: (a) the amounts the Committee reported, (b) the actual amounts listed on its bank statements, and (c) the discrepancies between the two figures.

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The understatement of receipts and expenditures resulted from the Committee's combination of the aforementioned discrepancies previously noted. In addition to these discrepancies, there were minor errors in reporting receipts and disbursements; and, minor unresolved differences in the ending cash balance. There was also an unreconcilable difference of \$24,079.00 in total receipts and \$443.20 in total disbursements.

In the Preliminary Audit Report, the Audit staff recommended that the Committee file an amended consolidated report to correct the misstatement of financial activity as noted above.

At the Exit Conference on May 29, 2006, and in Response to the Preliminary Audit Report, the Committee was in agreement with these findings.

On July 5, 2006, the Committee filed an amended consolidated report correcting the discrepancies noted above resulting in a misstatement of the Committee's financial activity.

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

We, therefore, recommend that this report be issued as a “Final Audit Report” and that the Committee adhere to the recommendations noted above.

We have determined that the reports, statements, and responses filed by the Barry for Ward 8 Council with the Director, Office of Campaign Finance, are not in compliance with the District of Columbia Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Act of 1974, as amended.

August 3, 2006

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